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SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF SANG PROJECT MANAGER

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1. MESSAGE TRANSMITTED REFTEL HAS BEEN REVISED. REVISION FOLLOWS.
 2. DOD INTENDS TO NOMINATE COLONEL WILLIAM A. FIFER, USA, TO REPLACE BRIGADIER GENERAL RICHARD D. LAWRENCE AS THE SANG PROJECT MANAGER UPON GENERAL LAWRENCE'S ROTATION NEXT SPRING. THE POSITION IS NOT BEING DOWN GRADED. IT WILL REMAIN A BRIGADIER GENERAL POSITION. COLONEL FIFER WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE NEXT SELECTION BOARD WHICH MEETS SOME TIME LATE IN CY 1977. REQUEST YOUR INFORMAL CONCURRENCE IN NOMINATION AT THIS TIME. FORMAL NOMINATION MESSAGE WILL BE SENT TO YOU AT A LATER DATE.
 3. IF YOU CONCUR, DEPSECDEF CLEMENTS PLANS TO SEND A LETTER TO PRINCE ABDULLAH ASSURING HIM THAT THE ASSIGNMENT OF A COLONEL AS PROJECT MANAGER IS TEMPORARY
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ONLY, THAT COLONEL FIFER IS THE BEST QUALIFIED OFFICER

IN THE US ARMY TO FILL THE POSITION, AND THAT HE WILL BE
CONSIDERED FOR PROMOTION BY THE NEXT SELECTION BOARD AND

WE WOULD HOPE THAT HE WILL BE SELECTED FOR BRIGADIER
GENERAL. THIS LETTER WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO YOU FOR
DELIVERY TO PRINCE ABDULLAH AT THE TIME THE NOMINATION IS
SENT TO YOU FOR FORMAL CONCURRENCE. IN THE MEANTIME,
PLEASE TREAT FIFER NOMINATION AS "CLOSE HOLD", NOT TO BE
DISCUSSED WITH OTHER US MILITARY. ROBINSON

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